PFASs and decreased Vaccine Response in Guinea-Bissau Children

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SETTING

Guinea-Bissau, West Africa.

Children enrolled in a randomised trial (N=237). Half received a measles vaccination (MV) at inclusion (4.5 months) and 9 months of age. The other half received a MV at 9 months only.

METHODS

Measles antibody levels were assessed at inclusion, 9 months, and 2 years.

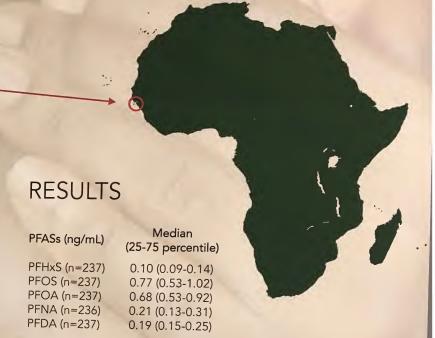
Five PFASs were quantified in serum at inclusion.

Associations between log(PFAS)s and log(measles antibodies) at age 9 months (intervention group) and age 2 years (control group) were examined using linear regression models.

Analyses were adjusted for pre-vaccination antibodies, time since vaccination, sex, duration of breastfeeding, and maternal education. Highly influential points were excluded.

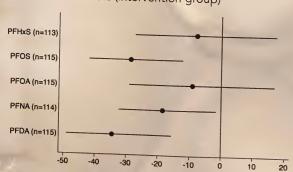
CONCLUSION

These results from a study of low exposed West African children adds to the burden of evidence suggesting that PFASs are immunotoxic for infants even in small concentrations.



Differences in measles antibody concentration with at doubling of serum-PFAS concentrations

9 months (intervention group)



2 years (control group)

